



# Ironhorse Desert News



## Saddam's capture brings relief

Story by Spc. Benjamin Kibbey

SAMARRA, Iraq – It was late afternoon, and soldiers were preparing the evening meal, when Coalition Provisional Authority head, Ambassador Paul Bremer came on the television and confirmed the rumor that had begun to circulate.

“Ladies and gentlemen, we got him,” Bremer said.

The news of Saddam Hussein's capture by Task Force Ironhorse elements in the village of Ad Dawr was greeted with many emotions – all of them positive. Some soldiers clapped, while others let out a small cheer. However, most of the diners just sat back with look of tired relief on their faces as the



Photo by Spc. Benjamin Kibbey

Task Force Ironhorse soldiers gather around a television Dec. 14, 2003 in a chow hall at Camp Brassfield-Mora near Samarra Dec. 14, 2003 to hear confirmation that Saddam Hussein has been captured.

footage of Hussein, who was receiving a medical exam by an American servicemember, played out on the screen.

“He's just another guy on the list,” said Capt. Scott Colosanto, from a Philadelphia, Pa. native assigned to C Battery, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 29<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Regiment. “I knew we'd get him sooner or later.”

Others were more surprised.

“I heard, but I didn't believe it

until I came up here,” said Sgt. 1st Class Manuel Almeida, who is regularly assigned to the 443<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion.

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## Neighborhood survey sheds light on Samarra

Story by Spc. Bronwyn Meyer

SAMARRA, Iraq – The maps inside the detachment's tent simply did not tell the whole story of southeast Samarra or its people. So a team of civil affairs soldiers, armed with digital cameras and global positioning systems, toured the city Dec. 8 to get a clearer picture.

Members of the 418<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion's general support detachment set out to snap pictures and map points of interest for a neighborhood survey that will be a blueprint for rebuilding an area that is now considered hostile to Coalition forces.

The team was looking for reactions from the people as well as the condition of the city, said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Dustin Graybill, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 418<sup>th</sup>'s public health team and a Santa Barbara, Calif., native.

Usually, the detachment visits with residents, public employees and local leaders, but here in the heart of



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Tim Berger

Residents of Samarra wait in a congested line to purchase gas in Samarra. Reservists of the 418<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion conducted a survey this month to gauge the city's needs.

the Sunni Triangle, the team opted to survey the area by vehicle.

“The difference between what we have done here and what we have done in other places is that we're at a greater level of hostility here,” said Maj. Kathleen

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# Gate guard follows his nose

Story by Spc. Bronwyn Meyer

FORWARD OPERATING BASE IRONHORSE, TIKRIT, Iraq – The newest security guard for the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division can sniff out trouble before others know its coming.

Good instincts and loyalty are just two things that make this sentry at the front gate of Forward Operating Base Ironhorse the best at his job. Also, no matter the hour or the weather, he doesn't complain.

Rocky, a German Shepard trained as an explosives sniffing dog, is part of the base's frontline defense, searching vehicles and baggage. His handler, Navy Master of Arms 1<sup>st</sup> Class Sean Stull, teams up with Rocky.

"A lot of people think they can get stuff over on people, but it is pretty hard to fool a dog, especially a well trained, explosives dog," said Stull, a native of Kings Bay, Ga.

The arrival of Rocky, along with a second dog, has made vehicle and baggage searches faster, easier and more effective.

"It speeds up the searching process, and the dog's nose is a heck of a lot more accurate," said



Photo by Spc. Bronwyn Meyer

Rocky, a bomb-sniffing dog, searches a truck before it enters Forward Operating Base Ironhorse, Tikrit Iraq.

Stull. "He can search the vehicle in half the time a person can."

Before Rocky came to FOB Ironhorse, the military police methodically searched through vehicles and baggage, not knowing if they would encounter hidden explosives.

Rocky can search a vehicle thoroughly, keying on explosives or any other material that he has been trained to find.

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Click on the link, "**Division Staff**" and then "**PAO**".

From there, a heading labeled "Newspaper" will appear. By right clicking the link and opening the link in a new window, soldiers can read the latest edition.

## Steadfast and Loyal



Photo by Spc. Andrew Loveless

Comedian and best-selling author Al Franken shares lunch with soldiers at Forward Operating Base Ironhorse, Tikrit. Franken, along with other celebrities arrived Dec. 19, 2003 as part of the Hope and Freedom Tour 2003, sponsored by the USO and Armed Forces Entertainment.



# Up-armor Humvees still a priority

Story by Spc. Samuel Soza

FORWARD OPERATING BASE IRONHORSE, TIKRIT, Iraq – For units with soldiers constantly conducting missions outside the walls of Forward Operating Base Ironhorse, canvas-covered, or soft-back, Humvees may not be the best protection on the road.

In an effort to improve the protection of these soldiers, improvised armor kits are being assembled for four-passenger Humvees at FOB Ironhorse.

“As far as IEDs, it’ll stop shrapnel,” said Master Sgt. Dana P. Watson, acting Sgt. Maj. for the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division’s Engineer Office. “I think it’s pretty decent protection.”

Watson, a St. Johns, Mich., native designed the modified armor design that is being outfitted on Humvees here.

According to Watson, the armor plating will stop an AK-47 slug from 100 meters. Coupled with the small arms protection plates inserted inside a soldier’s tactical vest, the armor plating isn’t

guaranteed protection, but improves safety dramatically.

“In our line of work, there is no absolute,” Watson said.

Unlike a similar model where the doors open downward, this

model’s door open outward to provide some cover when the vehicle is stopped.

The bulk of the upgrades were done to the cargo area. Watson added steel panels to the cargo floor, thus adding further protection from IEDs while giving the vehicle a lower center of gravity.

The armored cargo area also features a gap large enough for the gunner to kick a grenade out of the



Photo by Spc. Samuel Soza

An Iraqi worker arc welds steel plates, which are part of new Humvee armor kits being fashioned at Forward Operating Base Ironhorse.

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## Medical conference examines local healthcare

Story by Sgt. Troy Chatwin

TIKRIT, Iraq – With an eye on getting the Iraqi medical community back on track, Iraqi and American military doctors gathered Dec. 9 to discuss local clinical projects as well as share healthcare information.

Held at the Tikrit Rehabilitation Hospital, the First Introductory Conference for the Salah Ad Din Health Directorate allowed health providers a forum with a focus on rebuilding Iraq’s healthcare system. The event put a spotlight on what some healthcare administrators in Salah Ad Din are doing to improve patient care in the province’s eight hospitals and nine clinics.

It also allowed attendees to glean information on improvements in other areas.

“I learned how to introduce my projects and begin planning (new projects),” said Yildiz Yesnar, head of the Pharmacy Department in Salah Ad Din.

Yesnar said she learned of other state departments’ successes at the conference that she was unaware of before.

While some medical providers boasted of new equipment and public health initiatives implemented during the last few months, healthcare deficiencies were also addressed.

“We need to try to improve in the areas of primary healthcare and emergency medical services (as well as) training ambulance drivers as first responders,” said Maj. Alex Garza, medical team officer for the 418<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, an

Army Reserve unit based in Belton, Mo.

Garza praised the Iraqi medical community for its commitment to patients while the area continues to remain unstable since the war.

“I have been impressed at the bravery of the Iraqi healthcare providers,” he said. “When I bring other Americans to the hospitals, they always comment on the caring of the Iraqi physicians.”

A member of the local press questioned Garza about what is being done to ease what the reporter called a “shortage of medicine throughout the country.”

“If I can give you one thing to hope for – it will get better,” Garza said. “We are trying to improve 15 to 20 years of neglect and it will take time.”





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After so many months of looking, Almeida, a Boston, Mass. resident who deployed with the 418<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion of Belton, Mo., had not expected that Saddam would be found before Task Force Ironhorse returned home. He was happy that Saddam was caught while the first rotation of soldiers was still in Iraq.

Almeida hoped the capture of Saddam would help to calm down some of the insurgency.

"I hope so, but the way things have been going so far, it will probably take a few weeks," he said.

Soldiers of every rank gathered around the television, listening intently to gather every bit of information about Saddam's capture. Some Iraqis, who serve as translators, joined them.

"I am very happy," said Mohamad Anwar, a Samarra native who works with the civil

affairs elements in the ongoing effort to rebuild Iraq. "Every Iraqi, right now, very happy."

Anwar looked happy, but it was that same tired kind of relief that was on the faces of so many others there.

"He hid for a little while, but not forever," Anwar said. "A lot of people, especially the Fedayeen, they quit fighting now because we capture the head of the resistance. The Fedayeen thought he was coming back."

It is a day Anwar and many others will never want to forget.

"We want to make Dec. (13) a national holiday," said Anwar.

For those not in the chow hall, the news spread quickly.

"They say it's on TV," said Sgt. Richard Neely, a Buffalo, N.Y. native with A Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. "Our (commander) and everybody say it's been confirmed, but I've got to see it. I'm not 100 percent

convinced yet."

Neely said he would remember where he was when he first heard the news of Hussein's capture.

"I'll remember," he said. "I was in Grafenwoehr when the planes hit the twin towers."

Even with the capture of such a prominent figure, Neely, like many others, is realistic about the continuing mission for soldiers in Iraq.

"It's still going to be a long way of peacekeeping rotations," he said. "Those guys (insurgents) don't really have any affiliation with Saddam Hussein. They just don't like Coalition forces."

Watching the news report, Colosanto summed-up the situation.

"I'm happy. Everyone's happy, but it doesn't change anything. We still have a job to do. It's a matter of not losing focus," he said.



Photo by Spc. Bronwyn Meyer

Master of Arms 1st Class Sean Stull, a canine handler, stands by Rocky, who is trained to find explosives.

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"(He) can sniff out anything we miss," said Pfc. Jennifer Sperber, a Nice, Calif. resident with the 411<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company.

If Rocky alerts to something, he lets Stull know by sitting down.

Once the material is identified as a threat, the area is

cleared and an explosive ordinance disposal team is called.

The German Shepard, trained at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, acts as a subtle deterrent to insurgents who may try to enter the base. His fierce look can be disconcerting to locals, who are more accustomed to sight of rifles and tanks rather than a gate guard with pointy ears.

"A lot of Iraqi civilians are frightened of the dog," Sperber said. "It is more protection for us. The more protection we have the better."

Stull and Rocky have received a lot of praise already for their work at the gate. Besides being a competent partner, the canine has been Stull's constant companion during the time the sailor has been deployed.

"It's my little taste of home," said Stull. "He's my buddy."



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Perry, a 418<sup>th</sup> civil defense team chief.

According to Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Tim Berger, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the detachment, there has been little civil affairs presence in part of Samarra for almost three months because of a lack of civil affairs assets. Because of the gap, many residents were taken aback to see the convoy of troops.

"Most of them were surprised," said Berger, who is from Kansas City, Kan. "They had a look of shock that we were even driving around there."

Some of the Iraqi adults may have been leery of the American troops, but many local children waved to the passing troops.

"Kids are still as curious as ever," said Graybill. "They still come out waving, smiling."

The reaction to the American troops was better than the team expected, said Perry, but the graffiti that littered many walls told a different story about how some feel about Americans.

"Most of the graffiti on the walls was anti-Coalition," said Perry.

The Arabic graffiti, translated by an interpreter, gave soldiers a reason to keep their guard up despite some friendly faces.

In southeast Samarra problems were obvious to the soldiers of the 418<sup>th</sup>, an Army Reserve unit based in Belton, Mo.

Trash littered many streets and no uniformed police were visible. Black marketers had also gained a foothold in the community and were selling illegal fuel in public, said Perry.

"Those are negative indicators of where people's lives are right now," she said.

Furthermore, there is a problem with fuel distribution in the area. A line at a gas station spilled into the streets, slowing traffic while many Iraqis stood on roofs of their cars or argued with one another.

Despite the city's troubles, there are signs of positive change.

"There is a lot of construction, which means there is money coming in," Berger said. "It's growing so



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Tim Berger

Trash litters a street corner in Samarra, where the 418<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion from Belton, Mo. is trying to expand its presence in the city, located inside the Sunni Triangle.

people want to come to that community."

Now that the reservists have seen the lay of the land first hand, they say they are ready to begin their mission toward making a positive change in Samarra.

Samarra is one of the last cities teetering on the edge of supporting or rejecting Coalition forces, said Berger. The 418<sup>th</sup> can help in changing how the locals view Coalition forces by helping to make improvements, he said.

"I think we have a great opportunity right now," said Berger. "They're building, they're showing that they have interest in their city... people are proud of their city. That's a target opportunity for us to go in there and win them over."

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back of the vehicle. Also, another larger break in the armor between the cab and the cargo area allows passengers to reach the gunner in case of injury.

There are mounts for crew-served weapons, plus divots allowing M-16 riflemen to cover the sides.

Kirkuk-based Peerot Co. Ltd, which was awarded a contract for 200 Humvees, assembles the armor kits.

So far, the company has been able to outfit about five Humvees per day since work began Dec. 10.

Each kit comes at the cost of \$1,500 each, but Peerot also throws in a paint job.

"They'll pay for themselves a hundred times over," Watson said. "It's all about force protection. As long as we protect the soldiers, it's worth it."

# Soldiers use Net to snare a Merry Christmas

**Story by Spc. Benajmin Kibbey**

FORWARD OPERATING BASE  
IRONHORSE, TIKRIT, Iraq –  
This is the first Christmas for Spc.  
Corey Stroman's 5-month-old  
daughter. Though he won't be  
there in person, he was able to  
send his love home by way of  
Sears.com.

For Stroman, a member of the  
74th Multi-Role Bridge Company  
and a native of Copperas Cove,  
Texas, and others deployed  
overseas, the prospect of getting  
gifts to those back home this  
Christmas might seem a difficult  
task.

The selection of local  
merchandise can be limited, and  
the deadline for mailing items so  
they arrive on time means parcels  
must be sent well ahead of time.

However, purchasing gifts via  
the Internet is made to order for  
soldiers who know how to shop  
online.

This is a prospect previously  
unknown to soldiers deployed to  
foreign lands in time of war, and  
many are taking advantage of it to  
help send a little Christmas home.

"I can get it sent straight to my  
house," Stroman said. "They'll  
even wrap it for you and all that.  
It's simple."

According to Stroman, he went  
to the Internet café at the Ironhorse  
Resort to do his Christmas  
shopping this year.

"My wife told me how easy it  
was, so I tried it," he said. "It took  
me a couple times to see what I  
wanted to get."

After several sessions of  
browsing, Stroman had decided

what he wanted  
and where to get  
it. He was able to  
do all of his  
purchasing in 20  
minutes.

"I didn't do  
too much, but I  
bought my  
daughter toys and  
I bought my wife  
jewelry and  
flowers and stuff  
like that," he said.

For some Task  
Force Ironhorse  
soldiers, electronic transactions are  
the way to go.

"It's easier than mailing," said  
Pfc. Anthony Boike, a member of  
the 401<sup>st</sup> Military Police Company  
and native of Taylor, Mich. "It'll get  
there a lot quicker from the States.  
The majority of people in our  
company are doing it."

Boike said he did not shop on  
the Internet himself since he took  
leave before the holidays and  
chose to do his shopping then.

"I did it then because I was  
there and had the opportunity," he  
said.

Not only does the Internet  
present opportunities to buy from  
such U.S.-based retailers such as  
Sears, Wal-Mart and AAFES, but  
to scan international outlets as well.

"I just bought a music box from  
an Italian company for my mom,"  
said Spc. Brent Gaunt, a  
Brookfield, Miss. native assigned  
to the 124<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion. "It  
was something unique, different,  
original – something she wouldn't  
expect."



Photo by Spc. Benjamin Kibbey

Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Ironhorse take  
advantage of the free Internet access provided at the  
Task Force Ironhorse Resort. Many Task Force  
Ironhorse soldiers are exploring the Internet to buy  
Christmas gifts for friends and family back home.

Using the Internet, Gaunt said  
he was able to view music boxes  
from manufacturers worldwide  
before deciding on the Italian  
model, he said.

Gaunt said he also used the  
Internet to purchase things for  
other people in his family. He listed  
the obvious benefits for  
servicemembers deployed far from  
home.

"You can get it shipped in three  
to four days, and a lot of  
companies, if you're overseas,  
don't charge sales tax," he said.

Though it is a far cry from being  
able to deliver their gifts in person,  
some soldiers are finding that their  
ability to surf the Web, plus a little  
patience, is making the holiday a  
little brighter.







# Local News



## Holiday Religious Services at FOB Ironhorse

### Protestant

Dec 23

0830 -- Prayer Breakfast at ESS Dining Facility

1900 -- FOB Ironhorse Caroling, starts at R&R palace

Dec 24

1900 -- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec 25

1000 -- Christmas Day Service

### Catholic

Dec 24

1700 -- Christmas Eve Mass

2400 -- Christmas Midnight Mass

Dec 25

1300 -- Christmas Day Mass

## Regular Religious Services

Sunday:

0930 -- Protestant

1100 -- Gospel

1300 -- Catholic

1800 -- Praise and Worship

1800 -- LDS

Wednesday:

1900 -- Bible Study

1900 -- Family Home Evening (LDS in CMOC)

Friday:

1230 -- Muslim

1900 -- Bible Study (124th Signal Battalion palace)

## Nativity Narratives

Nativity Narratives are being held at the Catholic Mass every Thursday and Friday at 0800 in the Ironhorse Prayer Room. All are welcome to attend.

## R&R Holiday Events

Dec 23

1400 -- Merry Tuba Christmas with the 4ID Band at the Division Main Palace.

Dec 24

1500 -- Holiday Spectacular (4ID Band at R&R theater)

1700 -- Spades, dominoes and billiards tournament with prizes at R&R sports bar -- Comedy DVD show, presenting Steve Harvey and Cedric the Entertainer.

1800 -- Grand opening Task Force Ironhorse "Desert Cafe."

1900 -- Talent Show at R&R sports bar.

2100 -- Holiday Spectacular (4ID Band at R&R theater)

2300 -- DJ at R&R sports bar, playing a variety of music

Dec 25

1500 -- Holiday Spectacular (4ID Band at theater)

1700 -- Spades, dominoes and billiards tournament with prizes at the R&R sports bar.

1900 -- Holiday Spectacular (4ID Band at sports bar)

2100 -- DJ at R&R sports bar, playing a variety of music.

## Reunion/Suicide Prevention Briefs

Briefs will now be held once a week, Wednesday at 1000 in the Chapel/Movie Theater at the Task Force Ironhorse Resort.

Briefs must be given before a soldier goes on mid-term leave.

Emergency individual briefings can be arranged through the chaplain's office.

## Aerobics Classes

Aerobics classes are offered at the Ironhorse Resort Sports Bar Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat, 0600-0730.

For information, contact 1st Lt. Richardson at 534-9865.

## Weather Forecast

<b>Monday:</b>	High: 55 F Low: 35 F Mostly Sunny
<b>Tuesday:</b>	High: 52 F Low: 38 F Mostly Sunny
<b>Wednesday:</b>	High: 56 F Low: 42 F Partly Cloudy
<b>Thursday:</b>	High: 55 F Low: 38 F Partly Cloudy
<b>Friday:</b>	High: 59 F Low: 45 F Mostly Cloudy

## AFRTS Radio

Armed Forces Radio and Television Service can now be heard on 93.3 FM, playing the hits of yesterday and today.

## Movie Schedule

Movies at the Task Force Ironhorse Resort are shown at 1100, 1400 and 2000.

**Movies listed below are for the 2000 showing only.**

22 Dec.: Touched

23 Dec.: The Medallion

26 Dec.: The Core

28 Dec.: Musical "I'll Be Home for Christmas" At

*Special Times* -- 1500-1630

-- 2000-2130



# World News

**NEW YORK** - The American soldier, who bears the duty of "living with and dying for a country's most fateful decisions," was named Sunday as Time magazine's Person of the Year.

"A force intensively trained for its mission finds itself improvising at every turn, required to exercise exquisite judgment in extreme circumstances," the magazine said.

**AUSTIN** - Unemployment in Texas fell to six-point-three percent in November as hiring picked up in government, trades, transportation and utilities. The Texas Workforce Commission reported Thursday that the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from six-and-a-half percent in October.

**RIGA, Latvia (Reuters)** - Latvian police said a drunk picked up with around twice the blood-alcohol level considered deadly had probably set a world record but would wake up with a hangover to match.

The unidentified middle-aged man was unconscious but stable after a blood test showed 7.22 parts per million of alcohol, police spokeswoman Ieva Zvidre said.

**CHICAGO** - Unknown givers dropped fifteen gold coins in Salvation Army kettles Friday night outside the city's Santa House.

"Maybe it will happen 10 or 12 times in the Chicago-area (each season)," Salvation Army Capt. Todd Thielke said.

## Sports

### NFL Standings

#### American Football Conference

##### East

New England (13-2)  
Miami (9-6)  
Buffalo (6-9)  
NY Jets (6-9)

##### North

Baltimore (9-6)  
Cincinnati (8-7)  
Pittsburgh (6-9)  
Cleveland (4-11)

##### South

Indianapolis (11-4)  
Tennessee (11-4)  
Jacksonville (5-10)  
Houston (5-10)

##### West

Kansas City (12-3)  
Denver (10-5)  
Oakland (4-10)  
San Diego (3-12)

#### National Football Conference

##### East

Philadelphia (11-4)  
Dallas (10-5)  
Washington (5-10)  
NY Giants (4-11)

##### North

Minnesota (9-6)  
Green Bay (8-6)  
Chicago (7-8)  
Detroit (4-11)

##### South

Carolina (10-5)  
New Orleans (7-8)  
Tampa Bay (7-8)  
Atlanta (4-11)

##### West

St. Louis (12-3)  
Seattle (9-6)  
San Francisco (7-8)  
Arizona (3-12)

### NFL Sunday's Games:

Jacksonville 20, New Orleans 19  
Chicago 27, Washington 24  
Baltimore 35, Cleveland 0  
Miami 20, Buffalo 3  
Tennessee 27, Houston 24  
Carolina 20, Detroit 14  
Dallas 19, NY Giants 3  
St. Louis 27, Cincinnati 10  
Pittsburgh 40, San Diego 24  
San Francisco 31, Philadelphia 28  
Seattle 28, Arizona 10  
Denver 31, Indianapolis 17

Monday Game: Green Bay at Oakland

### NCAA Football

#### Tangerine Bowl Dec. 22

NC State and Kansas

#### Fort Worth Bowl Dec. 23

(19) TCU and (18) Boise St.

#### Las Vegas Bowl Dec. 24

Oregon St. and New Mexico

#### Hawaii Bowl Dec. 25

Houston and Hawaii

#### Motor City Bowl Dec. 26

Northwestern and Bowling Green

#### Insight Bowl Dec. 26

Virginia Tech and California

#### Continental Tire Bowl Dec. 27

Pittsburgh and Virginia

#### Alamo Bowl Dec. 29

Michigan St. and (22) Nebraska

#### Houston Bowl Dec. 30

Navy and Texas Tech

#### Holiday Bowl Dec. 30

(5) Texas and (15) Washington St.

#### Silicon Valley Bowl Dec. 30

UCLA and Fresno St.

#### Music City Bowl Dec. 31

Wisconsin and Auburn

### National Hockey League

(Team, W-L-T-OTL, Pts.)

#### Eastern Conference

##### Atlantic

Philadelphia (18-5-8-3, 47)  
New Jersey (18-6-8-0, 44)  
NY Islanders (14-15-2-1, 31)  
NY Rangers (12-13-5-2, 31)  
Pittsburgh (8-17-4-3, 23)

##### Northeast

Toronto (19-6-6-3, 47)  
Boston (13-8-8-4, 38)  
Ottawa (15-10-3-3, 36)  
Montreal (15-14-4-1, 35)  
Buffalo (12-18-2-1, 27)

##### Southeast

Atlanta (18-14-3-1, 40)  
Tampa Bay (14-11-4-1, 33)  
Florida (11-15-7-1, 30)  
Carolina (10-12-8-2, 24)  
Washington (10-20-3-1, 24)

#### Western Conference

##### Central

Detroit (21-11-3-1, 46)  
St. Louis (20-6-3-1, 44)  
Nashville (15-12-2-2, 34)  
Chicago (7-17-7-3, 24)  
Columbus (8-17-4-3, 23)

##### Northwest

Vancouver (18-8-5-2, 43)  
Calgary (17-9-2-3, 39)  
Colorado (16-9-6-1, 39)  
Minnesota (14-14-6-0, 34)  
Edmonton (12-15-6-0, 30)

##### Pacific

Los Angeles (16-11-3-3, 38)  
San Jose (11-9-10-3, 35)  
Dallas (14-16-4-0, 32)  
Anaheim (11-13-4-5, 31)  
Phoenix (10-11-10-1, 31)

### NHL Sunday's Games:

NY Islanders 5, Washington 4  
New Jersey 2, Chicago 2 (OT)

Atlanta 4, Philadelphia 1  
San Jose 2, Anaheim 1

### NBA Standings

#### Eastern Conference

##### Atlantic

Philadelphia (13-13)  
New Jersey (13-13)  
Boston (13-14)  
New York (10-18)  
Washington (8-17)  
Miami (9-17)  
Orlando (6-21)

##### Central

Indiana (20-8)  
New Orleans (18-10)  
Detroit (15-11)  
Toronto (14-12)  
Milwaukee (13-14)  
Cleveland (8-19)  
Chicago (7-18)  
Atlanta (7-22)

#### Western Conference

##### Midwest

San Antonio (19-10)  
Minnesota (17-9)  
Denver (16-11)  
Dallas (15-11)  
Memphis (15-11)  
Houston (15-11)  
Utah (14-12)

##### Pacific

LA Lakers (20-5)  
Sacramento (19-6)  
Golden State (12-3)  
Seattle (12-13)  
Portland (12-13)  
LA Clippers (11-12)  
Phoenix (10-18)

### NBA Sunday's Games:

Orlando 104, Toronto 92  
Miami 104, Golden State 93  
Boston 87, Philadelphia 84  
Detroit 96, Utah 75

